

## CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A cleaning device comprising:

a mount;

5 a squeegee that is made of an elastic material and that  
is retained in the mount;

a stemlike handle that is joined to the mount pivotably  
about a pivot axis that extends perpendicular to a longitudinal  
direction of the squeegee;

10 wherein the pivot axis of the mount and the handle  
forms an acute angle with a longitudinal direction of the handle  
that substantially deviates from a right angle.

2. The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the acute angle  
is approximately 15 to 75°.

3. The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the acute angle is approximately 30 to 60°.

4. The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the acute angle is approximately 45°.

5. The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein a location of the pivot axis of the mount and the handle is selected such that a geometric line of intersection of the common pivoting plane of the mount and the handle with a surface to be cleaned is located relatively close to a bearing face of the squeegee on the surface to be cleaned.

6. The cleaning device of claim 5, wherein the geometric line of intersection of the common pivoting plane of the mount and the handle with the surface to be cleaned is located upstream of the squeegee, in a pulling direction of the cleaning device.

7. The cleaning device of claim 1, wherein a location of the pivot axis of the mount and the handle is selected such that a geometric line of intersection of the common pivoting plane of the mount and the handle with a surface to be cleaned is located relatively far from a bearing face of the squeegee and upstream, in a pulling direction of the cleaning device, of the squeegee on the surface to be cleaned.